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1. The panoramic sketch included as Appendix A on page 2 shows the Penardzhik Hydroplane Base as seen from Lake Varna. The base includes the following installations:
 - a. Two large metal hangars with a wood and metal frame, located in front of the lake, each approximately 50 meters wide; these hangars are located 200 meters apart;
 - b. A concrete ramp situated between the two hangars;
 - c. A hangar which is smaller than those described in 1a. above and probably used as a workshop;
 - d. Three small buildings almost certainly used as a headquarters and offices of the hydroplane base;
 - e. A large building allegedly used as an officers' barracks;
 - f. A 3-story building which appears to be a barracks for troops; and
 - g. A line of buoys located in front of the hangars and used for mooring the hydroplanes.
2. Naval reconnaissance airplanes of the type shown in the sketches on page 3 land and takeoff from this hydroplane base. These planes are single engine monoplanes and are part of a torpedo-bomber regiment stationed at this base.

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APPENDIX A

Figure # 1

The Penardzhik Hydroplane Base as Seen from the Lake (from North to South)

Mooring buoys for
hydroplanes

Figure # 2

LAKE VARNA

Hangar

Workshop?

Headquarters Buildings

Hangar

Officers'
Quarters?

Barracks?

Approximate Scale 1:2,500

0 50 100 200 300
meters

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APPENDIX B

Figure # 1 (Side View)

Figure # 2 (Bottom View)

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